



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 3.6  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 34% adequate and 66% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Rain continued to hinder fieldwork. Soybean harvest reached seventy-three percent, behind the five-year average of ninety-four percent. Cotton harvest reached twenty-nine percent, behind the five-year average of eighty-nine percent. Rice producers tried to dry fields so they could begin harvesting the ratoon rice crop. Sugarcane farmers continued to harvest in spite of the muddy conditions.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Vegetable producers continued to harvest fall crops and plant winter crops. Sweet potato reports were positive, indicating that yield and size were good. Citrus producers continued to harvest satumas. Crawfish farmers flooded ponds.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Fall forage planting continued to be delayed. Cattlemen continued to market calves.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2008	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	29	23	92	89
Hay	Second Cutting	98	97	100	100
Pecans	Harvested	22	13	24	28
Rice	Harvested	97	97	100	100
Sorghum	Harvested	99	98	100	100
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	100	98	100	100
	Harvested	73	64	94	94
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	46	25	63	69
Sugarcane	Planted	99	98	99	100
	Harvested	17	16	12	19
Winter Wheat	Planted	14	2	11	10
	Emerged	3	2	1	1
CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	8	35	37	19	1
Sugarcane	3	9	37	37	14
Livestock	1	6	40	47	6
Vegetables	7	22	43	27	1
Pasture	3	14	42	37	4

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/19/09 TO 10/25/09

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	76	40	59	63	1.59	8.44	48.20	41.25
Minden	76	39	57	63	1.69	14.97	57.18	44.02
Mooringsport	76	42	59	MM	3.30	13.52	58.80	37.56
Extreme/Average	76	39	58	63	2.19	12.31	54.73	42.23
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	75	38	56	63	1.50	14.35	52.57	44.58
Homer/Hill Farm	76	(36)	56	62	1.63	17.56	61.05	44.52
ULM-Monroe	75	42	58	63	0.78	17.45	56.27	46.11
Columbia Lock	75	39	57	MM	1.00	10.66	47.52	47.53
Extreme/Average	76	36	57	63	1.23	15.01	54.35	45.49
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	74	41	56	63	2.43	14.68	54.40	47.00
LSU-St Joseph	77	40	58	64	0.88	6.84	42.53	45.03
LSU-Winnsboro	75	38	57	63	1.32	11.50	50.77	44.73
Tallulah	75	40	56	63	0.68	8.54	53.32	46.51
Extreme/Average	77	38	57	64	1.33	10.02	50.08	45.80
4. West-Central								
Leesville	77	37	59	64	1.81	8.31	41.43	45.59
LSU-Rosepine	77	39	58	65	1.72	6.90	39.39	46.96
Natchitoches	78	45	61	64	2.19	12.60	50.13	43.55
Extreme/Average	78	37	59	64	1.91	9.27	40.41	44.68
5. Central								
Alexandria	77	44	60	66	2.23	7.23	41.00	48.27
Brusly	80	40	61	65	1.61	8.73	42.88	52.19
Bunkie	78	42	60	66	1.78	11.05	48.74	49.07
LSU-Alexandria	78	39	59	65	1.49	4.81	40.87	46.72
Extreme/Average	80	39	60	65	1.78	7.96	44.16	48.61
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	80	40	59	MM	0.41	6.10	42.14	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	80	41	59	66	0.66	6.31	40.06	50.72
Amite	80	38	59	65	0.60	7.32	44.68	54.73
LSU-Hammond	80	39	59	65	0.58	5.86	36.99	53.10
Slidell	80	42	61	67	0.43	6.97	45.77	52.15
Extreme/Average	80	38	59	66	0.54	6.62	41.88	53.06
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	77	42	60	66	1.94	8.25	46.80	48.61
Jennings	81	45	62	67	2.62	8.37	46.22	49.31
LSU-Crowley	81	44	62	67	1.83	9.86	51.33	49.20
Extreme/Average	81	42	61	67	2.13	8.83	48.12	50.12
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	81	41	61	67	1.58	10.92	54.69	51.56
LSU-Jeanerette	(86)	44	63	66	2.58	10.84	62.34	52.27
Morgan City	81	48	63	68	1.44	7.10	42.71	54.73
Extreme/Average	86	41	62	68	1.87	9.62	53.25	52.70
9. Southeast								
Galliano	82	47	63	68	0.62	6.85	49.42	56.05
Houma	82	43	63	68	1.28	5.57	36.27	54.11
Terrytown 3S	83	45	64	MM	0.42	4.75	53.65	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	67	M.MM	M.MM	10.08	54.63
Extreme/Average	83	43	63	69	0.77	5.80	51.54	54.02

State Averages 86 36 60 65 1.51 9.33 48.49 48.80  
M = Missing( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 25, 2009

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